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3RD ARMY ENTERS REICH AT 5 POINTS



Make It 5 for Me: "I'll take five grand," says Jacob Zeik, CIO shipbuilder (center) as the Sixth War Loan Drive opens. A worker at Federal Shipyard, Kearny, N. J., he put in for five \$1,000 bonds on the eve of the opening of the drive, which gets going in earnest today. Federal, whose workers belong to Local 16, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilders, has accepted a quota of \$3,271,000 of the nation's 14 billion dollar goal.

Geilenkirchen Falls, 12 Miles From Aachen

PARIS, Nov. 19 (UP).—Breaking through on a 25-mile Rhineland front, Allied troops today stormed and captured the German defense keystone of Geilenkirchen while the U. S. Third Army completed the encirclement of Metz and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton sent his tanks smashing across the Reich frontier at five places to the northeast.

Advancing up to 10 miles, the Third Army was paced by the 10th Armored Division under Maj. Gen. William H. Morris which captured two more towns in the German Saar, with the Germans fleeing in general retreat, their close-packed columns assailed by Allied planes.

Streams of tanks and infantry poured across the Moselle into Metz from the north and southwest and late Sunday a considerable part of the city was reported cleared, although a ragged band of the un-uniformed German "People's Army" still was fighting from behind street barricades and stone buildings.

With Morris' tanks in action, 11 Allied divisions now were engaged in mopping up Metz and pursuing the retreat to the northeast.

German columns also were in flight from troops of the Allied Sixth Army group on the southern flank of the front and Gen. Charles DeGaulle announced that the French First Army had entered France's "lost province" of Alsace bordering the Rhine. The French have taken 10,000 prisoners so far.

FORTIFIED ROAD JUNCTION

There were indications the retreat was extending to the Rhineland front where a field officer said that fighting along a 25-mile front from Geilenkirchen to the southern edge of the Huertgen Forest had reached the "fluid phase." This meant, in military parlance, that the Allies had broken through the fixed defenses.

British tanks and American Ninth Army combat teams cooperated in the capture of Geilenkirchen, a heavily fortified road junction 12 miles north of Aachen, after first encircling it with the capture of a string of German villages to the east.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U. S. First Army meanwhile struck with stunning force east of Aachen and drove four miles along one of Hitler's super-highways, reaching the outskirts of the big German defense center of Eschweiler, seven miles northeast of Aachen.

Captured were the towns of Hastenrath, Hamich and Schevenhutte, clustered together southeast of Eschweiler.

Hodges' troops were having tougher going through the nightmarish Huertgen Forest to the southeast where doughboys stumbled over German corpses at every turn, victims of the vicious fighting that has been raging through the woods for a month.

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AFL and CIO Conventions Open

National Unity Must Continue In Postwar, Murray Tells CIO

By ALAN MAX

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—A call for stronger national unity now to speed victory and for postwar unity to achieve full employment and a durable peace, was made today by Philip Murray, on the eve of the seventh annual convention of the CIO.

Theme of Murray's report in behalf of the officers which he will present to the convention when it opens tomorrow, was that the interests of labor and of the entire nation are the same.

"We are all in the fight together and what is good for all the people is good for labor," Murray declared.

"There is no line that divided the millions of Amer-

ican working people in the armed forces from their fellow soldiers and sailors. There is no line that divides the men and women of labor in our war plants from other good Americans who are working and fighting for our common victory. We must recognize that the war has proved that no dividing line can be drawn between the people of this nation and those other lands."

Murray strongly reaffirmed the necessity of maintaining the no-strike pledge. "History will record the remarkable self-discipline imposed by labor while maintaining its 'no-strike' pledge in the face of any and all provocative acts," the CIO president said.

"Until we have accomplished the complete and absolute destruction of the German and Japanese military forces there can be no question of our basic responsibility to the nation to continue intact our 'no-strike' pledge."

The CIO chief laid strong emphasis on the urgency of adjusting wages to meet the rise in living costs so that economic stabilization can become really effective and to assume the "continued mass purchasing power necessary to encourage the production of peacetime goods" following the defeat of Germany.

Hitting out at what he called the "harsh and arbitrary" administration of the Little Steel formula, Murray asserted that the failure to adjust wages "must be rectified—not at some later date when labor is confronted with terrifying impact of layoffs and unemployment, but NOW, in order to avoid that very disastrous situation."

UNITY OF PROGRAM

National unity, the basis for which has been laid during the war must "be preserved following the war," Murray declared. "This requires not merely a common approach to our domestic issues, but a continued unity of program and action among the United Nations."

Taking up the problem of partial reconversion following the defeat of Germany, Murray said that Congress had enacted many measures to protect the businessmen during reconversion but that human needs "to date have been completely ignored."

He added that it is "idle to mouth the plous hope for full production and full employment under a peacetime economy, while ignoring the imperative need of increasing the mass purchasing power of the people."

Murray appealed to farmers, industrialists and others to join labor in working with government to prevent a shutdown of plants. It must be recognized he said, that "postwar prosperity can be built only on rising levels of purchasing power, increased export trade and upon the expanding production and employment that will result from them."

Establishment of the principle of

FDR Opens 6th War Bond Drive; City's Goal Is \$3,667,500,000

President Roosevelt, addressing the nation by radio last night, officially opened the Sixth War Loan Drive with an urgent call to the home front to meet the national goal of \$14,000,000,000. "I ask you to plow out this furrow to a successful and victorious end," he said, reminding the nation that more than half of this sum will be spent for war costs during the month of November alone. At the present time, the war is costing

\$250,000,000 a day.

New York City got off to a good start yesterday as thousands lined Fifth Avenue to watch members of the armed forces parade in honor of the Drive. The city's goal is \$3,667,500,000.

In the line of march, which filed past the reviewing stand in front of the Public Library, were WACs, WAVES, soldiers, sailors and ma-

a guaranteed annual wage, Murray said, is a necessary step for full employment. He declared there was "no sound reason why industrial workers should continue to be the only substantial group in America who cannot figure their income in yearly terms but must live from week to week, or even from day to day, without knowing if they will have any income at all on the morrow."

Postwar cooperation between industry and labor was urged by the CIO president as "another essential to full production after this war," he added:

"Only chaos and destruction of our industrial life will result if employers look to the war's end as an opportunity for a union-breaking, wage-cutting, open shop drive, and if labor unions have to resort to widespread strikes to defend their very existence and the living standards of their members."

"The CIO offers its sincere cooperation to the many forward-looking employers who are seeking to avert such tragic strikes," Murray went on. "If industry will respect the rights of organized labor, will bargain with the unions in good faith, and will recognize that postwar prosperity must be built upon increasing purchasing power and increasing production, our unions will help to preserve industrial peace and will cooperate to the limit to increase the production of goods and services upon which our common prosperity depends."

JIMCROW BLAS

Still another essential of national unity, he said, is complete elimination of the "vile practices" of discrimination against Negroes and religious bigotry.

Murray called for support of the President's position that American participation in an international organization to keep the peace must not be rendered ineffective through reservations or the hamstringing of the authority of the U. S. representative.

"The leaders of the United Nations have expressed their deter-



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Call for Sound Reconversion, More Security, Issued by AFL

By GEORGE MORRIS

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 19.—Demands for reconversion along lines of the Kilgore-Murray-Truman bill and a step-up in efforts to expand social security legislation highlight the report of the AFL Executive Council to the Federation's 64th convention which opens here tomorrow.

Drawn up at least two months ago, the report hasn't a word of reference to the Presidential election nor to the AFL political policy. In fact, some of the most pressing issues, are either treated vaguely or receive no mention.

A clearer indication of the AFL estimate of the election outcome and its position on international security, may be given in President William Green's opening speech. Other speakers tomorrow include Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, who, it is indicated, will speak on postwar outlook, Lieut. Gen. Breton Somervell, the Army's supply chief, and OPA Administrator Chester Bowles.



An introductory section to the report recognizes the close relation between an orderly reconversion and the establishment of international machinery for maintenance of peace, but the closest the report comes to referring to the Dumbarton Oaks Conference is a paragraph which says:

"The Federation believes the four fighting United Nations have a responsibility for submitting proposals to other nations and for taking the initiative in setting up such institutions as are agreed upon by representative nations."

The AFL postwar program follows essentially the President's Chicago speech outline and the goal of sixty million jobs. In the field of social legislation, it calls for extension of social security to the millions not now covered and to the smallest factories; liberalization of unemployment insurance benefits and a rise in the minimum wage level as provided in the Pepper bill.

AGAINST POLL TAX

The report expresses a hope that the fight to repeal the polltax will be renewed in the next Congress and puts the task of repealing the Smith-Connally bill as another of labor's major tasks.

A considerable section of the report is devoted to consumer cooperatives. This follows the review of the AFL, fight jointly with CIO to revise the Little Steel formula and the conclusion that the increasing trend to sweep cheaper goods from the market, cuts further into living standards. The report concludes with a call for collaboration between the AFL and the Cooperative League of the U.S.A.

An unusually large amount of space is devoted to the Fair Employment Practice Committee and to the (Continued on Back Page)

War Loan a Front on Which All Can Serve, Says President

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (UP).—Text of President Roosevelt's address opening the Sixth War Loan drive:

The Sixth War Loan drive starting tomorrow is something more than just a money raising affair.

We cannot all fight the enemy face-to-face. We cannot all produce the weapons and raw materials so vital to our armed forces.

But there is one front on which all of us—every man, woman and child—can serve, and serve for the duration. We can all practice self-denial. We can all sacrifice some of our comforts to the needs of the men in the service; and yes, even

some of our needs to their comforts.

The war in this present month of November alone will cost us seven and a half billions of dollars. That is two hundred and fifty millions a day.

That is why every war bond you buy is so important.

The war is not over—no, not by many a costly battle. While we have every reason to be proud of what has been done—even optimistic about the ultimate outcome—we have no reason to be complacent about the tough road which still lies ahead.

We have just been through a wartime election, demonstrating to the

people of the world the deep roots of our democratic faith.

The Sixth War Loan, I am confident, will be a further example of democracy in action in a world at war.

There is an old saying about sticking to the plow until you have reached the end of the furrow. Every rule of common sense and patriotic thought makes that maxim applicable to our conduct in this war.

In the name of our wounded and sick, in the name of our dead, and in the name of future generations of Americans, I ask you to plow out this furrow to a successful and victorious end.

40 Japanese Ships Sunk by Yanks

PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 19 (UP).—American Liberators scored nine hits on a Japanese battleship and heavy cruiser in an attack on Brunei Bay Naval Base in North-Western Borneo, it was disclosed today.

American warplanes and naval vessels sank or damaged a total of 40 Japanese warships, merchant craft and supply barges last Thursday and Friday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, LEYTE, PHILIPPINES, Monday, Nov. 20 (UP).—American troops, opening the second month of their Philippines invasion, have smashed into the outskirts of Limon in northern Leyte in a final drive to wipe out remnants of the Japanese First Division, front dispatches reported today.

More than one-fourth of the enemy force, originally estimated at 3,000 men from one of the top-flight divisions in the Japanese army, already has been wiped out since the Americans closed the trap on Thursday by throwing a block across the supply highway to Ormoc, 20 miles south of Limon.

"WON'T BE STOPPED"

(Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in an interview with a blue network correspondent on Leyte, expressed his unqualified personal confidence that he would not be stopped in the campaign. The correspondent quoted MacArthur as saying he was not counting on any "walk away" in the Philippines and anticipated hard fighting when the Americans land on the main island of Luzon. MacArthur said that no American lives would be wasted in the Philippines campaign.)

The Japanese in the Limon pocket were fighting to stem the American drive down the main corridor highway as long as possible to give the enemy commander, Lt. Gen. Tokoyuki Yamashita, time to strengthen his southern defenses.

"There is little doubt the trapped force has been ordered to fight to the death, but its position is hopeless," said United Press war correspondent Francis McCarthy from the Limon front.

McCarthy reported that Maj. Gen. William H. Gill's 32nd division, striking from the north, had reached the outskirts of the tiny stronghold village, where it was meeting fierce resistance from Japanese fighting along fortified ridges. Bad weather, however, was delaying the U. S. drive.

A mile south of Limon, along the twisting highway No. 2 leading south to Ormoc, the 24th Division was strengthening its road block to prevent the Japanese from breaking the ring from the outside.

Nazi Attache Breaks Away From Legation

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 19 (UP).—Peter Riedel, assistant air attache in the German legation here and formerly a world champion glider pilot, has broken with the legation and asked Swedish authorities to consider him a political refugee, the newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* said today.

Patriots Free Albania Capital

LONDON, Nov. 19 (UP).—British troops have joined with Marshal Tito's Yugoslav National Liberation Army and with Albanian patriots to drive Germans from the soil of Yugoslavia and Albania, it was disclosed today.

Allied Mediterranean headquarters at Rome announced the British, including units of an RAF regiment, are "in contact with the enemy in Herzegovina and Montenegro, battling beside Tito's patriots."

[Albanian partisans, led by a patriot known as Enver Hoxha, have liberated the capital, Tirana, the Free Yugoslav radio announced over the week-end. Albanian guerrillas are fighting with Marshal Tito's forces, and to a lesser extent with the Greek ELAS, all along the Yugoslav-Albanian border.]

Some 400 British Paratroopers are fighting between Lake Okrida on the Albano-Yugoslav border and the Adriatic Sea in conjunction with Albanian patriots who have freed Tirana, the capital.

Attack Looms On Price Control

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—There are indications that extension of the War Powers Act will not have smooth sailing in Congress, House despite Minority Leader Joseph Martin's pledge of support for all legislation necessary for prosecuting the war.

Rep. Sam Hobbs of Alabama, reactionary polittaxer who heads a House Judiciary subcommittee which will take up the measure, indicated today that the powers of the OPA will once again come under fire in an effort to cripple that agency.

Hobbs said he has received complaints that OPA has power to "snatch a man from his business" and make him "keep records he never kept before. . ." He also attacked OPA's right to prosecute violators.

Other measures Congress is expected to take up next week are the Senate-approved federal aid road bill and the House-approved rivers and harbors and flood control measures.

Navy Liberator Dips Entire Tokio Convoy

AMERICAN NAVAL BASE, PHILIPPINES, Nov. 19 (UP).—A Navy Liberator crew today claimed credit for destroying an entire Japanese convoy of six small freighters and an 80-foot steel barge in an attack off Siquijor Island.

Rip Gap in Nazi Lines N. E. of Budapest

LONDON, Nov. 19 (UP).—Soviet troops ripped a major gap in the 80-mile long enemy defense line northeast of Budapest today, capturing the fortified transport hub of Gyongyos, 36 miles northeast of the Hungarian capital, and Berlin said that the Red Army had thrown 35 infantry divisions—up to half a million men—into battle.

Gyongyos lies astride the enemy's shattered defense line along the Budapest-Miskolc highway.

At the same time, other Soviet troops, capturing a number of towns and villages, tightened pincers on strategic Miskolc, 80 miles northeast of Budapest, and on Hatvan, a great rail junction 22 miles northeast of the capital.



S/Sgt. Max Bedacht, Jr., son of the general secretary of the International Workers Order, Max Bedacht, tells his dad what a good job the fraternal organization is doing in Servicemen's Welfare work. Bedacht, Sr., is chairman of the Front Line Fighters Fund which started its fourth annual drive on Armistice Day to send gifts throughout the year to members and kin of members in the armed forces. The drive's slogan is "Keep 'Em Happy All Year 'Round Till They Come Home."

Nazis Scorch Norway Earth While Retreating

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (UP).—Authoritative reports to the Norwegian Embassy here tonight revealed that the Nazis are scorching the earth in northern Norway and compelling wholesale evacuation of Norwegians to make it appear that the people are fleeing before the Russians.

Norwegian officials here and in London have emphasized, since the Soviet armies entered Finnmark Province above the Arctic Circle, that there has been the closest collaboration between Norse and Soviet forces.

They said the Soviet Union took full and proper diplomatic action before the invasion, including the getting of Norway's permission to cross the border.

In order to counteract the Norwegians' reaction that they were being liberated by the Russians, it was said, the Germans have resorted to creating havoc in the far north and making it impossible for anyone to remain behind and survive.

The Norwegian Embassy released a letter from an unidentified man in Tromso to a friend in Oslo. His letter, dated Oct. 25, the day the Russians moved in to liberate Kirkenes, said:

"Tell everyone it's not the Rus-

sians we are running away from, but the Germans! They are destroying everything. They are getting ready to blow up the entire harbor here. All is confusion, chaos and madness. . . It's not the Russians we're afraid of."

DESTRUCTION IN RETREAT

Norwegians here said that the people of Tromso were bearing the brunt of the German retreat, with German troops swarming in upon them, occupying their houses, eating their food. As the Germans retreat, they destroy every type of shelter in a section of the country where building materials always were at a premium.

The Germans early enlisted the aid of high-ranking Norwegian Nazis, who appealed to the people to move out "lest they fall into the clutches of the Russians." Officials here said such appeals went unanswered until the Germans drove them out of their homes.

Chinese 'Big Inch' Revealed by Army

CHUNGKING, Nov. 19 (UP).

The United States Army today revealed the existence of a huge pipeline, designed to carry vital gasoline to fuel-starved China, and regarded in many respects as more important than the Ledo Road artery as an answer to China's difficult problem of supply.

The big pipeline had been kept a closely guarded secret. Specific details may not be disclosed even now, although it may be said that construction is well under way.

It will carry gasoline from Calcutta in India up to the Brahmaputra River valley to Assam, then across the Patkai range into Burma.

IN GERMANY TWO DAYS

British Second Army troops were disclosed to have been operating in Germany for two days, having crossed the frontier from southeastern Holland and driven through the Siegfried Line on both sides of Geilenkirchen, assisted by American combat teams. The breach in the main westwall now had been widened to about 15 miles from north of Geilenkirchen on the fringe of the Ruhr to south of Aachen.

Ninth Army spearheads had thrown bridgeheads across the elaborate anti-tank ditch, 25 feet wide and eight miles long, which was one of the main enemy positions standing between them and the enemy's first "Rhine Line" along the small river Roer.

Indications of a German withdrawal came in the form of heavy smoke screens which the enemy put up over a two-mile stretch due west of Dueren, big German road and rail junction and strongpoint of the Roer Line.

American units advancing to the edge of Eschweiler, a city of 50,000 normal population, reported meeting "comparatively light" resistance.

General Patton's infantry columns from north and south joined forces east of Metz, completing encirclement of that great fortress center and assuring its fall in battle for the first time since the Fifth Century.

METZ IN FLAMES

Metz was partly in flames as the doughboys captured the island in the Moselle on the northern outskirts and moved into the main city behind a heavy barrage directed at German strongpoints. Enemy snipers were everywhere.

Leaving the Metz battle area far behind the 10th Armored Division had crossed Germany's Saar frontier at five places and captured the Reich towns of Bisch and Busendorf, making a total of five places taken in two days just east of Luxembourg and French frontier.

Other American units cleaned out a score of French villages in the wake of the German retreat including Conde, 10½ miles east of Metz, Etangs, seven and one-half miles east of Metz.

The French First Army in the Belfort Gap, having broken through German defenses for an overall gain of 20 miles in three days, now stood three miles from the Burgundy gate city on a five-mile front and was storming Fort Du Mont Vaudou, the first of its 17 surrounding bastions.

The French captured 12 towns Saturday including Raon L'Etape, entrance to the Saales and Schirmeck passes through the Vosges Mountains north of Belfort. Avricourt, 10 miles below Sarrebourg, also fell.

Wild Battle Rages at Huertgen

WITH U. S. FORCES IN THE HUERTGEN FOREST, GERMANY, Nov. 19 (UP).—Acres of dense woodland have been flattened as though by a hurricane and hundreds of enemy dead lie beneath the tangled branches, but the German is fighting like a wild man everywhere and there is no immediate decision in sight today in the battle of the Huertgen Forest.

In the past 24 hours, American troops have gained a half-mile here, and nearly a mile there, and at 10 a.m. were attacking again.

Germans are fighting despite the fact that they seem to be scraping the bottom of the manpower barrel.

The latest prisoners average from 50 to 58, and include truck drivers, clerks, supply personnel and messengers.

American artillery and planes rapidly are smashing the German batteries of big guns. American planes and guns have been blocking the arrival of enemy ammunition. One more day of good weather should leave the enemy little but small arms and mortars.

The enemy is using infiltration tactics, with the result that American officers sometimes have to send reserve infantry into action to escort food and ammunition carriers.

Supplies for front-line units have to be hauled by hand some distance under heavy enemy fire.

American wounded have to be carried by hand litters. There have been many casualties among litter bearers.

A private, wounded by a German mortar shell as he was handling a litter, started walking back through the woods for treatment. He suddenly came upon a German with his hands in the air screaming "Kamerad!" to the skies. It turned out there were 18 Germans there waiting to surrender. Wounded and unarmed, the aid man brought them all in.

Parley Maps All-Out 'Worker' Drive

By JOHN MELDON

It is more important than ever to increase the circulation and influence of The Worker, now that the nation faces the huge, decisive problems marking the road to victory and peace, Earl Browder told some 600 delegates attending an all-day circulation-building conference here yesterday.

Browder spoke to representatives of the Communist Political Association at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W 48 St., who came from all northeastern seaboard states as well as from Midwestern ones. The occasion was the launching of a nationwide drive to win 22,000 new readers for The Worker.

Among the CPA leaders who addressed the gathering, in addition to Browder, were William Z. Foster, John Williamson, Gilbert Green, William Lawrence, Benjamin Davis, Jr., William Schneiderman and others. Louis F. Budenz, managing editor of the Daily Worker, was chairman.

Throughout the day, dozens of speakers related experiences in winning new readers in shops, among trade union officials and in neighborhoods. Sum total of these experiences, voiced by all speakers, was that thousands of potential new readers are ready to become Worker subscribers, providing enough energy is put into the campaign to reach this audience. Goal of the conference is to add 22,000 new permanent readers to the 60,000 who now get the paper every week. Of this number, 12,000 are to be new subs, over and above all renewals.

INDIVIDUALS WITH INFLUENCE

John Williamson, secretary of the CPA, in opening the conference said: The readers of The Worker are not just 60,000 individuals. Each of these 60,000 is someone who influences others. One reader may influence 10 others because he is a shop steward of his union or a civilian defense leader in his community.

"Another reader," Williamson said, "may influence hundreds of thousands because he is an executive board member or officer of his union, a leader of a political club in an Assembly District, an editor of a union paper or a leader in other forms of community activity."

Williamson appealed for a drive to hold the 25,000 people who became Worker readers for the first time during the election campaign.

The circulation campaign will start Nov. 26 and last for six weeks, ending Jan. 7.

Driving force behind the pre-election increase of 25,000 Workers was the "5x5 Club" idea which drew universal acclaim from the delegates. New Jersey made excellent use of the plan, according to Gay Mahon, who spoke for that state. Miss Mahon revealed that 230 members of the CPA in New Jersey had formed clubs, selling collectively nearly 1,900 papers each week during the pre-election period.

SHOP EXPERIENCES

Several workers in war industries told of their marked success in increasing circulation and described their methods, which drew applause from the conference. Jack Cohen, Brooklyn war plant worker, told of how Worker sales in his plant increased from 200 to 330. Cohen said his experiences taught him that the most effective circulation boosters are those who are known as Communists.

Jack Kling, reporting for the Illinois-Indiana area, cited the forthright approach in those mid-west states in spreading the circulation of The Worker. Kling reported that union executive boards and local unions were approached directly and asked to subscribe. He reported that a number of unions purchased subscriptions for their shop stewards and that the CIO Packinghouse union bought subscriptions for 200 of its stewards. Local unions of the CIO Farm Equipment Union took another 65 subscriptions while the CIO Fur and Leather Union bought 62 more for its executive board members and stewards.

William Z. Foster, CPA vice presi-

dent, touching mainly on the role of the labor press in the elections, termed the Daily Worker and The Worker "one of the greatest achievements of the American working class."

LAWRENCE'S CHALLENGE

William Lawrence, secretary of the New York State CPA, pledged the state organization to increase The Worker by 10,000 new readers in subs and bundle orders. "This endeavor," he said, "must be viewed as an integral part of the broader perspectives ahead of us, and not as a campaign—separate and apart from the successful conduct of the war, the solving of the many complicated problems of the postwar world, and the consolidation and strengthening of the democratic forces around the Roosevelt program and the 1945 mayoralty and councilmanic elections in the city of New York."

Lawrence challenged other state organizations of the CPA to a contest as to who would be first in achieving their respective goals in the circulation drive. Not a state failed to respond as the various representatives spoke.

Communist Councilman Benjamin Davis, Jr., urged Negro leaders in unions and civic organizations to take the responsibility for increas-



GILBERT GREEN

ing The Worker circulation among the nation's Negro population. He lauded the Daily Worker and Worker as "the only daily newspaper which has recognized the importance and dignity of the Negro in this country."

Another of the highly interesting speeches at the conference was made by Lee Schriber of Philadelphia who related how CPA clubs in the 24th Ward were drawn into energetic circulation activities. Schriber said it was difficult at first to get volunteers to sell The Worker in front of war plants, especially at the Sun Shipyard in Chester, Pa., stronghold of Joseph M. Pew, reactionary GOP leader and one of the financiers of the Dewey campaign. So successful were the few who originally volunteered, he said, that shop gate sales are now conducted "by invitation only."

Frances Loman told the delegates of valuable lessons learned in seeking renewals of subscriptions in Harlem. She pointed out that many workers have no checking accounts, others get home from work late, and because of other reasons, let their subs lapse. Routine, consistent visiting of such readers, she said, has shown that the big majority will renew if someone visits their homes. The sub-seekers, she emphasized, must consider themselves as "political representatives" of The Worker during such visits and be prepared to help such readers in problems they find perplexing.

Browder Tells How 'Worker' Will Spur Greater Unity

Following is the text of the speech of Earl Browder at The Worker conference yesterday:

Friends: It is very good to see such a well organized response to the call for this conference; it is a sign that you represent a body of men and women and a movement which fully appreciate the high importance of the task which has been set here—the consolidation and expansion of our press.

We have just gone through a great battle, one of the key points in the whole world struggle. We met the attack of all the concentrated forces of reaction in this country, of the enemies of our nation's war effort, of the forces of dissatisfaction of all the combined grievances which could be channeled into the attack of this reactionary camp. We met the supreme challenge to the whole future of our country and of the world and we threw it back; we defeated it.

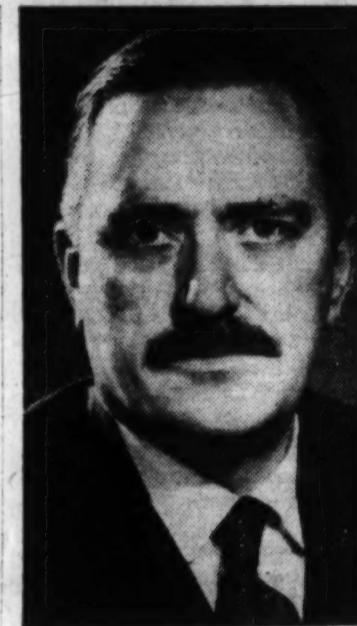
That is a turning point. But it is not yet victory. Now the fight must be continued in a new way, so that we shall establish the guarantees that the camp of reaction cannot bid for power again in our country. We must consolidate and extend this national unity that was built up in this election struggle and make it an ever growing power to secure the carrying through in life of all those policies that are necessary to win the war as quickly as possible, to establish a durable peace and to return the world and our country to peace on a higher level, by securing the full utilization of our national economy, full employment and full production.

The nation in its majority is united on these objectives; even the reactionaries have to pay lip service to these objectives in their very attack upon the practical carrying through of the policies required to reach these objectives.

So, we have the conditions in which it is possible to consolidate the growing unity in this country. It is necessary to emphasize this because many people, in one form or another, look upon the post-election period as one of demobilization of our forces or the breaking up of the unity that was achieved in the elections.

Our perspective is the opposite of that — no demobilization, no breaking up of the unity achieved; rather, further mobilization, further organization and further extension and consolidation of that unity. It is possible. It is possible if all of us do those things which our circumstances and the development of our work place before us as our next task. It is not going to be easy; it is a struggle, it is a war and has to be won. But it is possible. And we are setting ourselves difficult but possible tasks.

Some people think that because 80 percent of the press supported Dewey and Dewey lost, that means the press is not important; the press is not influential any more; the press goes one way, the country goes another; we can disregard the press. That is a grave mistake. In order to understand how grave a mistake it is, just imagine how far Dewey would have gotten if he had not had 80 percent of the nation's press. It is clear that without this overwhelming majority of the daily newspapers of America, there would have been no threat of the reactionary camp to our country at all. That threat was created basically by the power of the press, and that press was so powerful that against the will of the nation



EARL BROWDER

which supported the President? There were a few. There was the Chicago Sun, and there, I must say, we are speaking of a paper that did the most consistent job of all of the bourgeois papers, most consistent, most solid, most sober, most responsible. But even there it is very easy to point out great weaknesses as far as leadership is concerned; in foreseeing issues and arming the people to meet them as they arise and not after they arise.

In New York we have the New York Post, which supported the President, but it would take a very wise man indeed to figure out whether the kind of support the President did not result in greater strength for Dewey, because the Post, after having conducted right up until May or June of this year, a campaign to prevent the labor movement from endorsing Roosevelt on the theory that even if you are going to support Roosevelt you have to resist him first in order to make a bargain with him and get certain promises from him about your particular interests—we know what particular interests the Post was speaking for—during the campaign itself, this paper repeated consistently—the basic propaganda line of the Dewey camp, anti-communism, red-baiting. And if it did not turn more votes for Dewey than to Roosevelt, that is only because its own readers have been immunized to the influence of their propaganda.

We have such papers as PM—I should not say "such papers as PM"; PM is unique; there is nothing else like it in the world. I am sorry I cannot say that in praise, because PM is becoming a very grave point of danger to the democratic front, because it has developed the fine art of supporting every hesitation and deviation within the camp of progress and at the same time doing it in such a charming and innocent and interesting fashion that even the members of our own Association, I am sorry to say, often prefer to read PM rather than The Worker.

That is a very serious problem for us because it demonstrates to us that strong as we are ideologically as a trend and an organization within the labor-democratic movement of America, we still have our own points of weakness and we still often fall into the classical role of a Samson who allows Delilah to come along, and clip off the locks which are the source of his strength. We allow ourselves to be cajoled and patted and led away from our objective.

I will be the first one to admit that the Daily Worker does not have the command of such an array of artists in pleasing people as the PM has. As a matter of fact, we don't build the staff of The Worker from the point of view of gathering together people who know how to please you, and if you want to be pleased in that superficial way of being tickled and placated and soothed, you are going to the wrong place when you go to The Worker, because The Worker is going to stir you up; The Worker is going to make you feel uncomfortable; The Worker is going to place heavy tasks before you; The Worker is not going to give you any soft and easy and plausible answers which are fundamentally false. The Worker is going to continue to be

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— Union Lookout —

- Chicago AFL Out for FM
- Rubber Workers' Gift

— by Dorothy Loeb —

Many unions talking about applying for FM (Frequency Modulation) radio station permits are only talking but the Chicago Federation of Labor has gone and done it. Radio Station WCFL owned and operated by the Federation, has been authorized to apply for increased power and the right to run an FM station . . . Servicemen, ill at army's port of embarkation station at Wilmington, Cal., get birthday presents every week from Local 100 of the CIO United Rubber Workers. Every GI patient who has a birthday can make a phone call to his folks anywhere in the country and the local pays the bill. Funds are raised from among the union's 3,500 Firestone Co. worker members. So far three such calls have been put through.

I don't know who the oldest delegate to the CIO convention at Chicago is but I'm betting that Anna Marie Novello of the CIO United Office & Professional Workers is the youngest. She is 21. A member of Screen Local 100 in New York City, she was elected an alternate in recognition of her outstanding work during the election campaign. . . . George F. Ades, secretary-treasurer of the CIO United Auto Workers, is scheduled to be a speaker at the wartime conference on labor health security Dec. 8 at Hotel McAlpin. The conference is sponsored by many trade unions and the ALP.

The United White Collar Majority, phony anti-labor outfit which tried to swing office workers Dewey-ward during the election campaign, is still trying to put over a mass organization. This is the outfit that did a lot of advertising, especially in New York and Philadelphia during the campaign. Latest word is that they hope to set up local units . . . The Hearst press, which gave national circulation to a series of articles I wrote on the white collar workers and the elections, is still screaming like mad for the Kitty Foyle please to get together in an anti-labor organization. Do you think the Hearst papers could possibly have the United White Collar etc. in mind?

George F. Ades



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— Spotlight on New Orleans —

The AFL and World Labor Unity

By WM. Z. FOSTER

Forces are now shaping up that may possibly result in a shift in policy by the AFL on the question of international trade union organization without the participation of the AFL. So the latter was in a position to play dog-in-the-manger, which it did. Consequently, international labor solidarity was sabotaged by the AFL leaders all through the war. But now the top British union officials, under powerful pressure from the workers in Britain and throughout Europe, seem convinced that they must participate in setting up a world labor organization, whether the AFL goes along or not. Hence, both the Soviet trade unions and the CIO are sending delegates to the world labor conference scheduled to be held in London next February.

All of which puts the bellies of the AFL reactionary leaders right up against the buzz saw. They have

the hard alternative of either eating their reactionary policy by sending regular delegates or observers to the London conference, or of finding themselves far out upon a limb of isolation.

RISING OPPOSITION

The troubles of the professional red-baiters in the AFL executive council, who have dictated its international policy, are also daily increasing, because of a rising opposition throughout the AFL. Even in the chambers of the executive council itself this new spirit for a get-together with the Soviet trade unions and the CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods in a real world labor organization was voiced by Dan Tobin, president of the Teamsters Union, with his demand that the whole question of international labor unity be reopened.

Previously, the AFL leaders relied upon the support of the British

trade union leaders, especially Sir Walter Citrine, to prevent the establishment of a world trade union organization without the participation of the AFL. So the latter was in a position to play dog-in-the-manger, which it did. Consequently, international labor solidarity was sabotaged by the AFL leaders all through the war. But now the top British union officials, under powerful pressure from the workers in Britain and throughout Europe, seem convinced that they must participate in setting up a world labor organization, whether the AFL goes along or not. Hence, both the Soviet trade unions and the CIO are sending delegates to the world labor conference scheduled to be held in London next February.

How will the New Orleans convention now in session at New Orleans handle the thorny question of international affiliation? Will the progressive forces, those who led in the fight for the reelection of President Roosevelt, be able to compel the reactionary council majority to send a couple of real delegates to London? Will the reactionaries themselves, realizing that to continue their disruptive work, they must get in the main stream of world labor, delegate some of their own stripe to the coming international conference? Or will the executive council continue its present incredible policy of abstention, in the vain hope that by this dog-in-the-manger policy they can keep the workers of the world from uniting their forces around progressive policies?

One thing is clear: The unions of the American Federation of Labor must be represented at the London conference. If the executive council and the AFL convention refuse to send representatives, then the respective trade unions themselves should do so, sending either regular or fraternal delegates. AFL members and organizations should let the council hear their opinions on this basic question.

'Dgily' Staff Plays Host to Readers

The staff of The Daily Worker will be host to the paper's readers at a party Wednesday night, Thanksgiving Eve, at the Newspaper Guild Club, 40 E. 40th St. The affair, sponsored by The Daily Worker Unit of the Guild, is being held to raise funds for gifts for men and women in the armed services from The Worker staff.



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Roy Howard's Hypocrisy

THAT old American saying, "Speak of the devil and he's sure to appear," came to mind last Friday, just as we had finished commenting on Joseph E. Davies' warnings against those Americans who persist in undermining Soviet-American friendship. Davies had some strong things to say at the Madison Square Garden rally Thursday night, and sure enough Roy Howard's newspapers the next day carried an editorial which only proves the timeliness of Davies' remarks.

Naturally, Mr. Howard's editorial is entitled For American-Russian Friendship. Seems that there are some misunderstandings which undermine that friendship, Mr. Howard opines. For one thing, "Russia should be helping us lick Japan, instead of taking a free ride." Howard wants to know "Russia's legitimate reason for concentrating on Hitler's defeat first." Secondly, there is eastern Europe, which in Howard's opinion has become a Soviet sphere of influence. Third, there are "Communist activities" in liberated Europe, which Roy Howard discovers as somehow violating the terms of our recognition of the Soviet Union.

The arguments hardly need extended reply. We ought to thank our lucky stars that the Red Army is concentrating on Hitler first; in fact, so are we. That is the basic United Nations strategy. By delivering the death-blow to Germany—single handed for three years—the USSR has helped isolate Japan. The USSR sees the war as a global one in which it is bearing the heaviest share against the most vital part of the Axis. Roy Howard's mentality is to palm the war off on Russia in the hope that our own country might take a "free ride" . . . and that might have led us all straight into Hitler's arms. We say this irrespective of what the Soviet Union's future role in the Pacific may or may not be.

As for domination of eastern Europe, it now appears that France may well resume her close alliance with the USSR, and no doubt Howard will be yelling about domination of western Europe too! Well, which is it? Europe becomes independent in Howard's view only when reactionary and anti-Soviet. Sorry. It's too late for that.

As for "Communist activities" in Europe, does Howard mean the self-sacrifice of men like Marshal Tito? Tito is a Yugoslav Communist, you know. Germany could not be on the way to defeat without the immortal heroism of Communists, the best sons and daughters of their respective nations, who needed no direction from any outside source to inspire their deeds.

Such deathless heroes are not engaging in "Communist activities" when they fight the enemy; they are engaged in life and death battle for the freedom of their own lands and the world. Only the German radio calls that "Communist activities" . . . the German radio and Roy Howard.

FDR's Vision

DO YOU recall Gov. Dewey's sneers at President Roosevelt as a man who had no faith in America's future?

Well, this man of "no faith" projected a plan a few days ago—a vision if you will—the achievement of which will transform the face of the continent, enrich the lives of millions of our citizens, make productive millions of acres of arid lands, provide hundreds of thousands of jobs for years to come and put an end to the troublesome floods that have plagued the lives of so many for so long.

We refer to the President's proposal for TVAs in the valleys of the Columbia, Ohio, Missouri, Arkansas, Cumberland and Tomigbee rivers and for immediate action on behalf of the St. Lawrence Seaway project.

There is no guesswork about what these projects can do. The experience of TVA has established that beyond dispute. Where the Missouri has been overflowing its banks each spring, its tributary, the Tennessee, has been brought under control.

Tens of thousands of farms have had electricity brought to them through TVA, and irrigation has enriched the soil. In the cities, electric power has been brought to the people at far cheaper rates and new industries have been given needed power.

The legislative mill has already started rolling on behalf of the Seaway and the Missouri Valley Authority. There is the inevitable opposition from reactionary sources and from those who have their own narrow ends to serve. Labor and all other progressives will need to get behind the President to make this vision a reality.



They're Saying in Washington

CIO Tax Program

By Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON. ROBERT DOUGHTON, the cantankerous and aged chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has found a perfect solution of all the knotty problems of reconversion and postwar taxation. Doughton, never an easy man to move on anything, has suggested that Congress simply pass no new tax at all in 1945.

And Doughton's tax "plan" is probably more constructive than that of some business leaders who have an equally simple solution. They would abolish practically all corporation taxes during the postwar period.

It is a sign of the times that one of the most balanced and sensible discussion of the tax problems ahead should come in President Philip Murray's report to the CIO convention in Chicago. In past years the trade unions tended to submit hastily improved tax proposals to Congress at the last possible moment. But, the labor movement has been taking taxes more and more seriously.

Instead of waiting this time until the Treasury or other groups have developed detailed tax legislation, the CIO makes the point that there must be a tax bill in 1945, and then proceeds to outline the kind of bill that is needed. The CIO tax proposals are based on detailed studies made under the supervision of Lee Pressman who heads its tax committee.

Distinction In Periods

One of the important points made in the tax section of Murray's report is that it is essential to draw a distinction between the tax problems which will exist during reconversion and during the subsequent postwar period. It is the contention of the CIO that it would be downright dangerous to try to put into effect now a long-range tax program dealing with a hypothetical situation rather than one geared to the immediate needs of reconversion.

The CIO emphasizes that a new tax program cannot be considered

"within any narrow framework," and must be viewed from the standpoint of national economic interest. It agrees emphatically with the Committee for Economic Development, representing on the whole some of the relatively more enlightened sections of big business, that during the reconversion and postwar periods "taxes should cut as little as possible into the buying power of consumers."

To increase its purchasing power, the CIO would raise personal exemptions from taxes to \$2,000 for a married couple with \$500 for each dependent.

An interesting innovation is a suggestion that the carry-back and carry-forward provisions which will guarantee corporations against economic fluctuations be applied to individuals. If low-income families can't use all their personal exemption in one year, they can apply it either to the two preceding or two succeeding years. This won't permit any fancy finagling by those who can afford to pay high taxes, but it will protect those in the lower brackets.

Another interesting point in the CIO tax program is that rates should be reduced for small corporations with a net income of less than \$100,000 a year.

Postwar Taxation

The CIO is less specific in discussing postwar taxation. While agreeing with CED on the need of protecting purchasing power, it disagrees strongly with proposals for eliminating virtually all corporation taxes after the war which are partly shared by CED. The CIO insists that this will inevitably lead to regressive taxation. It points out that if the excess profits tax were to be

repealed after the war with Germany is won, it would cripple financing of the war against Japan, and would lead to wholesale profiteering on the still substantial war expenditures.

In outlining a series of general postwar principles, the CIO suggests that corporations be taxed for the "benefits and services they receive from utilizing corporate forms" and should be imposed in such a way as to give advantages to small business and possibly also to new enterprises.

Congress is urged to establish a minimum income need for a standard of living of health and decency as a basis for tax exemptions. Gradual elimination of excise taxes is proposed on the ground that they hamper the flow of purchasing power. Another CIO postwar tax proposal is for the removal of payroll taxes for unemployment insurance and other forms of social security. The CIO also urges that the effort to reduce the national debt be geared to national income, with the rate of amortization stepped up during years of high prosperity and reduced during other years.

The significant thing to me is that the labor movement is grappling with problems of this kind. As Murray points out in his report to the CIO convention, wages, taxes, prices, reconversion are all inter-related problems, all part of the broad problem of a healthy national economy. The CIO is, of course, actively engaged in fighting for a new and more flexible wage policy. But it does not approach wages from the standpoint of narrow self-interest. And it does not lose sight of the over-all job of maintaining a stable war economy and a postwar America functioning at full blast.

Worth Repeating

THE HUGE MATERIEL that must move up to put our armies on the offensive referred to by the NEW YORK TIMES in its editorial of Nov. 17 on Attack in the West, furnishing a moving argument why we should buy war bonds to the limit: The prodigious tasks that preceded that mid-morning jump-off must have been greater almost than can be imagined. The American Ninth Army, for instance, was moved 200 miles from its last-known location near Paris across the rear of the American Third and First. Hundreds of tons of food and guns and ammunition have been moving over the muddy roads through the rainy days and the dark nights. And must continue to move. Guns, planes and bullets loading now at American docks will be needed if the drive is to continue on to final success. Or if not this attack, then the next, or the next, or the next.

Change the World

IS HITLER dead, or has he gone crazy? Has a cancer grown in his cancerous throat and brain? These questions have been perturbing part of the western world. Actually, it matters no longer. Germany is filled with millions of men, women and children whose hearts are fully as evil and whose deeds are as monstrous as those of Hitler's.

If Hitler died tomorrow, their war against humanity would go on. All of them must die, therefore, or come under strong control, before the world finds safety. What does one Hitler matter when millions exist to take his place? No great value lies in speculating on Hitler's health. Actually, it may be better that he go on living. I am sure General Eisenhower prefers the German army to be led by such a hate-drunk master of darkness and intuition as Hitler, than by cold-blooded scientists of war on the Junker general staff.

IT'S A good guess, that in the crooked game of Nazi politics the Hitler "illness" is being used in a squeeze play for a negotiated peace.

The gang figures that much of our hate



By Mike Gold

of fascism has been diverted down the lightning road of the Hitler symbol. We cannot ever be made to see Hitler in a friendly light, or shake his hand in peace.

Well, figures the Hitler gang, let the shadow go, and grab the substance. Let Hitler disappear while a negotiated peace is framed up to permit the Nazi system to survive.

In ten years another war will be possible. The Nazis will then retrieve their mistakes. Then Hitler can return from honorable refuge in Green Ireland. He will take his place on the world's Nazi throne again.

A great plot! A smart tribe of murderers and intriguers! A cunning Fuehrer, who can thus play doggo or appear crazy while his followers carry on! Slick business, this Nazi business! From Munich to open Blitzkrieg, to Hitler's illness, to the negotiated peace that will take up where Munich left off! Hurrah for crime, it pays off and pays well! How can anyone hope to lick the Master Race?

BUT, we are licking them just the same! And I hope neither Hitler nor any of his chief aides in crime will be allowed to die prematurely.

These Nazis must live. They must not be

Let's Hope They Don't Die Too Soon

permitted the luxury of sudden death or a merciful insanity.

They must linger on and watch helplessly while marching armies of democrats, of men from New York, London and Moscow, occupy Germany and smash the Nazi empire.

The Nazi supermen must be cherished as prisoners, and fed and then put to work at rebuilding Europe.

A small percentage of Nazis may be redeemed by honest daily toil, just as the Russians redeemed many murderers, thieves and prostitutes in the building of the White Sea Canal.

The majority of Nazis will never surrender their sadistic dreams of conquest, probably. And the years of hard labor at useful tasks to serve democracy will be enough purgatory for them.

Their evil minds and hearts will daily make their own punishment. Every hour of barracks toil under severe guard will seem worse than death to the sadistic apes that once put themselves above all human law.

Hitler handling a pick and shovel, under the gun of Jewish-Negro guards in a democratic community! Hitler helping build a free school, or a public park, for beans and a bed! I can see no fate more horrible for the little monster who tried to kill off the human race in order to prove he was God!

Listen Here,

Mr. Editor

Zoergiebel,
Grzinski

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In Thursday's issue, George Morris in his column referred to Grzinski as "police chief of Berlin" in 1929. He undoubtedly meant the late and unlamented Zoergiebel, the Social Democratic perpetrator of the bloody massacres against the May Day demonstrators in Wedding and Koeln. Grzinski was at that time the police minister of the state of Prussia, also a Social Democrat, and was equally responsible.

G. GEORGE.

[Ed. Note: The correction is well taken.]

Agent of Disunity

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The New Communist Conspiracy, a reprint of the Reader's Digest article by the Soviet-baiter Alexander Barmine, is being distributed as a pamphlet among American Navymen. Could you not give the background and activities of this Barmine? I believe that if the truth were known about this agent of disunity, it would help toward greater unity with our Soviet Ally.

MURRAY S.

[Ed. Note: While Charge d'Af-faires for the Soviet Government in Athens, Barmine deserted his post at news of the trial of the Trotzkyite-Bukharinist fifth column. He is thus a deserter, who left Red Army and Soviet service when he heard that the fifth column was being exposed.]

Query on Hillman

APO, New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I wonder if you would be so kind to publish the following important information:

(A) As to whether or not Mr. Sidney Hillman was ever editor, associate editor, or an editor of or in the Daily Worker, at any time since its inception?

(B) As to whether articles were submitted by Mr. Hillman, under what capacity, and under what subject, if any.

CORPORAL H. C.

[Ed. Note: The answer is NO in each instance.]

It Was the
Alert Dress Shop

Editor, Daily Worker:

The workers of the Alert Dress Shop had hoped that you would mention the name of the shop in the letter appearing Nov. 15. That story is headed "A Dress Shop Celebrates," and every one had expected that the name of the shop would appear. I had put that in the letter but it seems to have been left out. Sam, the operator, was trying to be polite to me. He spoke softly. Nevertheless, he maintained that it was my inexperience in writing that caused the omission. That's the reward I get.

FANNY FOX.

[ED. NOTE: So many people do not want to be too closely identified, that it's good to find some one who does. We left out the shop name solely because so many request that be done.]

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

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Toward Freedom

THE aged biological organism labeled Ellison D. Smith ceased living last Friday. It must have been a pretty good specimen, judging from its 80 years of continuous operation. No doubt it will now contribute toward enriching the soil of the ancestral Smith plantation in the appropriately named town of Lynchburg, S. C. But all this is of little concern to us here.

The outmoded political mountebank who gloried in the name "Cotton Ed" Smith had already died the previous week—on Nov. 7, to be exact. This political entity was also a hardy thing, having functioned in the Senate for 36 years, longer than any other. But the sovereign voters of South Carolina decreed that his blatant demagogic and evil purposes should no longer pollute the political life of our country and hold back the progress of the people. And this is of tremendous concern to us here.

The recent political death of Cotton Ed Smith came as the culmination of a process that began long ago—when for the first time since Reconstruction, there emerged to the leadership of our nation a government dedicated to the interests of the common man. That government began to raise the living



By Doxey Wilkerson

standards and increase the educational opportunities of the people, even the sorely oppressed white and Negro people of South Carolina.

THIS new federal Administration introduced programs which hastened the process of industrialization and urbanization in the South, at the same time moving vigorously toward agricultural reform and improvement in the quality of rural life. It also fostered the growth of organized labor in the traditionally anti-labor South. Worse still, it introduced the new federal policy of "no discrimination because of race," and even tried to enforce it in South Carolina.

These were among the basic ailments from which Cotton Ed Smith and his political ilk began seriously to suffer back in the 1930's. The very foundation of the white supremacy-polltax-states rights system which had so long sustained their Bourbon South in power and kept the southern masses in subjection was in process of disintegration.

The author of this new federal program, President Roosevelt, did not restrict himself to indirect attacks upon the tory oligarchy which ruled the South, but he set out in 1938 to campaign directly against the reelection of several of the most blatant southern reaction-

Vichyites Have Not Been Silenced--Ehrenburg

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Nov. 19.—France's fifth column, "ghosts of the dark past," was strongly attacked in Red Star Thursday by the famous Soviet writer, Ilya Ehrenburg.

Referring to elements among the two hundred families, "who like the Bourbons have forgotten nothing and learned nothing," he declared that "these gentlemen who led France to two Sedans are hastily preparing for a third."

"The real French people," he continued, "hold aloft the banner of freedom and honor; they are fighting in Metz and in the Gironde, they are repairing roads and sending supplies to stricken towns; restoring frozen factory machines, bringin



back children to the schools and scientists to the laboratories.

"The French people are the Langevins, the Malreaux, the Aragons," he said, referring to leading scientists and writers who took part in the resistance. "They are the vineyard men of the south, the Paris metal workers and the miners of the north, Lyons textile workers, teachers and veteran guerrillas. Against them is ranged the fifth column.

VICHYITES SCREAM

"Vichyites scream: Disarm the patriots! They circulate rumors about 'anarchy' in the south to discredit France in the eyes of the foreigners," declared Ehrenburg. "The German radio repeats the slanders."

"The French people are not working in the factories remaining intact," said the writer. "During the occupation, the factories worked overtime; now the owners are sabotaging."

It's true, said Ehrenburg, that a "small biscuit factory in Grenoble was confiscated.

But the factories that made not biscuits but tanks for the Germans, are still in the hands of traitors.

"Vichyites sent hoodlums to the painting exhibitions, continuing German vandalism by destroying 15 Picasso paintings, merely because Picasso is with the people and not the fifth column.

SOVIET PRISONERS

"They appoint a German commandant of a camp where there are Red Army prisoners. They free Vichy ministers; they reassemble members of the anti-Bolshevik legion."

"These ghosts of the dark past are creatures of the German godfathers of the Falangists," wrote Ehrenburg. "Taking advantage of the November fogs, they are attempting to smother the people. Vain efforts!"

"Whereas, in 1940 there were faint hearts who thought that France's history came to a standstill at the mineral waters of Vichy, now, after the Paris uprising, the world knows that France was, is, and will be."

A Xmas Shipload of Clothing for Soviet Boys and Girls

The first coordinated nationwide campaign Russian War Relief has ever conducted was announced yesterday by Edward C. Carter, president of the organization.

The drive is for a shipload of warm new clothing to be sent as a Christmas gift from Americans to the boys and girls of Soviet Russia, where military imperatives have

made it impossible to produce clothing for civilian needs for the past three years.

"American families, in choosing gifts for their own children," said Carter, "are asked to add some Russian child to their Christmas list."

"In doing this, they are urged to remember that a new article of

warm clothing is the most welcome present any Russian boy or girl receives this year. We know how much Americans, with their great love of children, would like to send toys to the children of our ally. But with clothing so desperately needed, no shipping space is available for toys."

Newbold Morris, president of the

City Council, is chairman of the appeal in this city, and Mayor LaGuardia is one of the sponsors. Church groups throughout the nation are supporting the campaign under the leadership of Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, who is chairman of Russian War Relief's Inter-faith Committee.

Artillery Day, New Holiday, Celebrated in Soviet Union

By JOHN GIBBONS
Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Nov. 19.—Nov. 19, the anniversary of the Stalingrad offensive, has by special government decree entered the Soviet calendar as Artillery Day.

On Sunday in the capitals of the 16 Soviet Socialist Republics, in Khabarovsk in the Far East, in Leningrad, Stalingrad, Sevastopol, Odessa, Magnitogorsk, 224 guns thundered a salute of 20 salvos.

The reliance which the Red Army placed—and places—on fire power is summed up in Marshal Stalin's phrase: Artillery is the God of war.

With its artillery the Red Army held and smashed the German tank armada at Moscow in 1941, defied all German efforts at Leningrad and took a fearful toll of enemy armor and manpower during the decisive battles of Odessa, Sevastopol and Stalingrad.

CENTRATED FIRE

On that eventful Nov. 19, 1942, when the "God of war" hurled thunderbolts against the Germans at Stalingrad, the Red Army had guns placed at intervals of five meters (5 and a half yards) along the sector chosen for the main blow. At Kiev a year later there was a gun to every three meters and in June of this year, when the Finnish fortifications on the Karelian Isthmus were blasted and shattered, guns were placed side by side every two meters.

The great artillery concentrations

on the western front during World War I have been greatly exceeded by the Red Army which in recent battles used 300 more guns per kilometer (0.62 mile) of the front.

In July, when Cherniakovsky smashed the German front in White Russia, 36 infantry regiments in one of his army groups were supported by no fewer than 51 artillery regiments.

Recently Pravda reported that up to 20,000 guns and mortars had been used in certain operations.

170 TYPES OF GUNS

The artillery with which the Germans launched their campaign against the Soviet Union included 170 different types of guns, ranging in calibre from 40 mm. anti-tank guns to 210 mm. and even 615 mm., the latter discharging a three ton shell.

Between 1940 and 1944, the armaments industry of all Europe worked for the German army and, as it proved, for the trophies exhibited in Moscow.

This exhibition, in addition to products of Krupps and other German firms, displays French, Italian,

Czech, Belgian, Dutch, Finnish, Hungarian and Romanian guns.

In no small measure, the German-Soviet war was a trial of strength between German industry, supplemented by the armaments industry of occupied and vassal Europe, and the young industry of the Soviet Union.

Krupps and the satellites lost out to Magnitogorsk and the Urals.

Just as the Red Army shattered the myth of the invincibility of Hitler's army, so did Soviet industry dispose of the legend of German industrial might.

Today Soviet ordnance factories are supplying the Red Army with six times the guns and 10 times the mortars produced in 1941.

Over half a million of the Red Army's artillerymen have been decorated with military distinctions.

Of these, 900 qualified for the highest honor—that of Hero of the Soviet Union—and on Saturday, the event of Artillery Day, 30 of these heroes will be present in Moscow's Bolshoi Theater at a meeting dedicated to those manning the guns of the Red Army.

National Liberation Group to Be Official Gov't in North Italy

The Bonomi Cabinet announced this week that the Committee of National Liberation operating in Northern Italy will be considered as the official Italian Government in all Nazi-occupied Italian regions, it is noted in L'Unità de Popolo, progressive New York Italian paper.

Such a measure, long backed by the Italian Socialist and Communist Parties, which have also campaigned for the granting of greater authority to the National Front Committees in southern and central Italy, will eliminate fascists, reactionaries and pro-fascists from power as soon as northern Italy is liberated.

In the zones which will be freed in the future the Allies will thus find democratic and anti-fascist governmental bodies representing

the government which has already been recognized by the United Nations.

PRIZE DECISION

A campaign is also under way throughout liberated Italy for increased assistance to the partisans who were already committed to large scale activities before Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's recent order to "lie low."

Guerilla operations undertaken by the National Liberation Committee in accordance with earlier Allied appeals have won considerable headway in the northern provinces, and especially in the Emilia region just above the Allied lines. Furthermore, general strikes have been called in Piedmont, Lombardy and Liguria.

Salvador Coup Tied To Argentine Fascists

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 19 (ALN).—The military dictatorship established in Salvador by Col. Osmin Aguirre Salinas is a new Colonel's Lodge government closely related to the Argentine dictatorship, it was reliably learned today.

Immediately after Col. Aguirre's coup two weeks ago, the Spanish envoy in Salvador, the Duke de Baylen, who is a high-ranking Falangist, entered into official relations with the Aguirre regime.

On the afternoon of the coup, a representative of the Duke de Baylen saw Col. Aguirre in the company of Jaime Hill, a representative of coffee plantations who allegedly supplied funds for the coup.

Most of the military figures involved in the coup received military training in Germany and Italy in the form of scholarships supplied by German coffee planters and there absorbed fascist ideology.

Kudish's Local 338 Passes Ammunition to Hearst

Red-Baiting Leads to Anti-United Nations Stand

By DOROTHY LOEB

Find a union leadership that's swamped in red-baiting and you find an outfit that's being led lickety-split away from the victory.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are \$5 per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).

DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

Coming

STAFF SHINDIG: Mike Gold, Alan Max, Pinky Rankin, Dorothy Loeb, Nat Low and all the other writers will be there for the annual party of the Daily Worker unit of the Newspaper Guild, Wednesday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving eve, at the Guild Club, 40 E. 40th St. Dancing, entertainment, refreshments. Admission 75c.

ZERO MOSTEL, Arlene Frances, Mildred Bailey, Ray Lev and Arlene Carmen are just a few of the stars appearing at Young Artists League Dance and Entertainment, Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 22nd at Henry Judson Hotel, 361 W. 57th St. Tickets \$1.20 in advance—\$1.45 at door. On sale at ACA Gallery, 63 E. 57th St. and 12 Astor Pl. Mail checks to Young Artists League, 13 Astor Pl., N.Y.C.

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road in every sphere—foreign, domestic and even in the narrower field of straight local union policy.

The truth of that is nowhere more clearly illustrated than in Local 338 of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employers! whose more than 5,000 members are employed in New York dairy and food stores.

Two full pages given over to attacks on Communists in the local's organ this month yesterday provided ammunition for the Hearst press which gave generous display to its publication of its charges.

"For a labor man, it is a badge of honor to be attacked by the Communists," says Murray J. Kudish, the Local 338 president, who thus finds a further "place of honor" in the Hearst press.

WHAT RED-BAITING COVERS

Let's see where "labor man" Kudish stands and what the red-baiting is a cover for:

1. Local 338 leaders sabotaged CIO policies by withholding support from CIO Political Action. The local was the only CIO body in the New York area and one of a tiny handful in the nation to take such action.

2. Kudish attacked PAC and its New York State arm, the American Labor Party, at a union meeting. To a member supporting the ALP,

he replied with the amazing slander that even Sidney Hillman, ALP chairman, was not backing that party.

3. Propaganda against United Nations unity is general in the "338 News," local organ. The infamous anti-Soviet story about the Katyn massacre of Polish officers, for example, was published in a fashion in which Goebbels might take pride. Worst reactionaries in the Polish government in exile find a forum there. Notorious anti-Semites are defended.

4. August Classens of the New Leader, a Kudish guest at a 338 meeting, referred to Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin as the "three chiselers" and went unrebuted.

5. Preparing for the election of local officers Nov. 28, Kudish and his associates find a democratic approach no more acceptable in union affairs than in domestic or foreign politics. A new "constitution" rules. Only those who served a year on the executive board may be nominated. Executive board membership is possible only if Kudish makes the designation on his slate.

There you have the whole package—red-baiting on the outside, but within; anti-CIO, anti-United Nations, anti-democratic as to local control.

Browder Tells How 'Worker' Will Spur Greater Unity

(Continued from Page 4)

a barb, a burr which prevents you from going to sleep feeling complacent, from taking the easy and false answers.

And precisely because it is that kind of a paper, we want to make you and this whole movement and the people around it, understand that we must be on guard against the influence, the infiltration of the ideology of PM-ism into our movement.

You know PM is a liberal paper, that is, it is liberal in the p. m. but p. m. is only half the day; in the a. m. it is reactionary, damaging. And in the p. m., when it is liberal, it is dealing with the surface; in the a. m., when it is reactionary, it is dealing with the decisive questions. And one of our tasks is to make sure that that kind of cheap, surface liberalism doesn't pass for the genuine currency and doesn't become the basis of the exchange of thought in the democratic progressive movement.

Now, we have got to have a stronger Worker. There are several reasons for that. We don't expect over night to make a great revolution and take the place of the other press, but we do expect to constantly grow, solidly, slowly, but grow. And we can't solve our problems without it. Because, first of all, this Worker must reach that enlarging number of people who bear the responsibility for working out the problems of the great mass movements. Everyone of you knows The Worker has made it possible for you and your fellows much more effectively and efficiently to do the job you had to do. Therefore it must be clear that we must give this service to larger numbers of people. If we don't expand this cadre that fundamentally works on the same basis of understanding, we are going to have serious difficulties in the future. To solve our problems, we must have this enlarging circle of readers.

Second, this is not only for the present existing leadership of the people's movement, and we must admit that our press is primarily for the actives, that is true—but we must remember always that there must be prepared a constant renewal and extension and rejuvenation of this leadership, which means that we must be constantly reaching people who are not yet in the category of active leadership but who are the potentials of replacements and extensions of the active cadre.

And finally, we must recognize that this election marks a deep-going change in the nature of our work, that is, in the form of the work that we carry on. We have had a tremendous turning outward of our energies. Everyone in this campaign has had most tremendous experience of breaking new ground, working among new people, working in new organizations and in new fashions, among masses 10 to 100 times more than we ever directly reached and touched before. That has been splendid. It has been a most invaluable experience, and it has opened channels and doors that we must never allow to be closed again.

That brings with it also quite some problems for our association, because it has meant the draining away into these new fields of activity of much energy which used to be expended in solving the problems of our organization as such. We don't want to reverse that trend; we know that it's got to continue along that line of development. But we must find the way in which to prevent that from weakening our association, because our association is our basic, our most indispensable political weapon and base of operations

without which everything else would fall to pieces.

How are we going to secure that further expansion and activity among the masses and at the same time ensure that this will not mean a loosening of the ties of our basic political association? There is one way, which is probably the most important, in which we can meet and begin to solve this problem. There will have to be many approaches, but unquestionably, one of the most important, perhaps the most important, is to secure a more thorough distribution and use of The Worker as the channel for the exchange of thought, discussion and information, and the establishment of our common political line.

The Worker has always served that function. Now it must be utilized much more systematically, much more thoroughly, much more intensively, for that purpose of giving the political unity and consolidation of all of our forces to make up for the loss of that intensity of our inner association life which we have sacrificed to some degree for the purpose of throwing our people's energies out among the mass organizations, out among the people.

The Worker and the Daily Worker, but first of all the weekly edition, is one of the chief instruments to solve this, one of the main problems that lie before us.

Well, I have really talked too long. All I wanted was to place some of these main questions and problems before you and to assure you that it is my opinion that, collectively, you here today hold the answers to all of these questions; that collectively, you are going to start that process, give that answer, give that understanding and that determination to act upon the understanding that will in the next months give us a stronger Worker circulation, a more selective and consolidated circulation, and thereby a stronger position to guide and shape the great mass movement that is going to carry our country and the world to victory, to lasting peace, and to a new era of prosperity.

Gallacher's Second Son Killed in Action

Both sons of William Gallacher, British Communist member of Parliament, have died in action, the Canadian Tribune revealed yesterday. The second boy, Flight Lt. John Gallacher, was just killed in the South Pacific.

In a message of sympathy, Tim Buck, secretary of the Canadian Labor Progressive Party, said:

"You, who have devoted your life to the cause of humanity, have now given both your sons in this war for world freedom. We bow our heads in sincere sympathy and tribute to your and Mrs. Gallacher."

REPORT GERMAN WOMEN DEMONSTRATE

Travellers entering Switzerland from Germany yesterday said German women staged tumultuous peace demonstrations in Mannheim over the past weekend but were suppressed "bloodily" by Gestapo agents and Nazi Elite guards.

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'World War 2' Vets Get Most Liberal Awards

By LOUISE MITCHELL

Veterans of the present war are receiving the most liberal benefits ever offered servicemen of America's battles. And more pension claims have been settled since Pearl Harbor than were ever granted in the past 25 years to disabled veterans of World War I.

This is the opinion of E. B. Dunkleberger, amiable manager of the Veteran's Administration in this region, and he speaks from personal experience.

When Dunkleberger was released from the last war, a totally disabled soldier received \$30 a month. Such a veteran today gets \$115. If this man is so disabled as to require an attendant, he now gets \$156.

A widow of the last war received \$25 a month and for each child she was awarded \$10 extra. Today, the wife of a soldier who died in action or died as a result of service-connected injury or illness, receives \$50 and \$15 addition for each dependent child. A dependent mother who lost her son in 1917 was given \$20 a month; today gold star mothers receive \$45.

All the way down the line benefits are increased, Dunkleberger ex-

plained, because of general understanding of veterans needs. Above his desk in his office a new Veterans Administration headquarters, 215 W. 24 St., hangs the portrait of President Roosevelt.

REHABILITATION PLAN

In addition, the VA operates a rehabilitation program for veterans who need retraining as a result of a service-connected disability which constitutes a vocational handicap. This training may extend up to four years, with the government footing all expenses, paying the veteran a minimum of \$92 monthly. He may also receive \$11.50 for each dependent parent, \$11.50 for his wife and \$5.75 for each dependent child for the duration of his training.

These benefits in no way interfere with a veteran's right under the GI Bill of Rights to mustering out pay, loan, education and job benefits.

The VA in this region which embraces all of eastern New York State from the tip of Long Island to the Canadian border, has just opened new offices at East 24 St. where almost 600 veterans come daily to get information on hospitalization, medical, dental and

surgical care. They also seek aid on legal matters, education, loans, unemployment insurance, vocational training, pensions, help in finding work and many other services.

ANY PROBLEM

"A veteran can come to us with any problem he has except employment or relief," said Dunkleberger. These are taken care of by other government agencies.

He pointed with pride to the efficiency of his office in getting pension claims filed and adjudicated. As of Sept. 30, 1944, a total of 43,532 claims were on file from World War II veterans. Of these 26,749 or 62 percent were adjudicated and entitled to pensions. Comparing this figure with pensions granted after the first World War, Dunkleberger said that of the 75,783 claims filed during the past 25 years, some 22,209 or 29 percent were receiving awards.

The VA opened its new quarters with 35,000 square feet because facilities at Kingsbridge Road had reached the crowding point. The VA is contemplating adding a new floor to its present quarters in order to offer hospital treatment for physical examinations in connection

with claims. At present, veterans must travel to the Bronx.

VA hospitals are open to all veterans whether they are pension cases or not. However, Dunkleberger added, service-connected cases get preference.

More and more veterans are inquiring as to benefits, he stressed, because there is greater interest and knowledge about VA activities among soldiers.

Australia Cartoonist Fired for Union Stand

SYDNEY, Nov. 19 (ALN)—Australia's leading newspaper cartoonist, Will Mahony, has been fired by the Sydney Daily Telegraph for refusing to sign his name to cartoons attacking Australian labor, and other Daily Telegraph staff artists have declined to draw cartoons for the newspaper to replace Mahony's.

Mahony is being backed by unionists throughout the country and his refusal to sign anti-labor cartoons is considered a setback to the current nationwide press campaign to divide workers from soldiers and the labor government.

Veteran's Aid

By WORLD WAR II VET

There will be farms and ranches for ex-servicemen, if President Roosevelt's plan is carried out. He has asked Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard and Brig. Gen. Frank T.

Hines to make a thorough canvass of the problem of placing veterans on farms and ranches.

In a letter to these officials, the President said that more than one million members of the armed forces have indicated a desire to reestablish themselves as farmers and ranchers.

The Commander-in-Chief also asked that the inquiry concern itself with "special types of farms" for injured servicemen and with "adequate credit upon reasonable terms" for members of the armed services seeking to purchase farms. "The land for the veterans," said Roosevelt, "should be a ranch or a farm "from which he can earn a sufficient income to keep his family in comfort and health, educate his children and integrate himself and his family into the community as happy useful citizens."

Honorably discharged veterans in New York may apply on Dec. 2 for 1,200 educational scholarships provided by state law. This is about all Gov. Dewey has granted New York ex-servicemen. Scholarships carry \$350 a year for four years, to assist education in any university or college in New York, regardless of educational allowances granted veterans by the federal government. The scholarships are apportioned on a basis of eight to each of the 150 assembly districts. Information may be obtained from the New York State Veterans Service Agency. Competitive examinations will be conducted by the State Department of Education.

The CIO warns that veterans who contemplate buying homes or farms with loans provided under the GI Bill of Rights should look before they lease or buy. It tells buyers to get best possible advice to prevent spending loan money for homes and farms at values inflated by war demands.

Brig. Gen. Hines revealed that 104,000 vets of this war have received treatment in veterans' hospitals, although only 15,000 are still being treated, the others having been discharged as cured or having received maximum benefit. For many of the disabled veterans, this hospitalization has been a continuation of treatment received in Army or Navy hospitals prior to discharge.

As of Oct. 1, there were 5,855 vets disabled as a result of service during the present war, taking vocational rehabilitation courses in educational institutions and in placement training. Only 34,000 applications for this benefit have been received to date, and more than half of this number have either been deferred or denied. Of the 184,000 disabled veterans eligible for this vocational rehabilitation, 150,000 have not as yet applied, although all are reported to have received application blanks.

Negrin Hails Soviet 27th Anniversary

MOSCOW, Nov. 19 (ALN)—Former Spanish Premier Juan Negrin, in a message to Marshal Stalin commemorating the 27th Soviet anniversary, expressed pride that Spain struck the earliest blows against the Axis powers.

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Navy Twice Paved Way For Army Victories

Nat Low

Army and Navy, with the eyes of the country upon them, turned in highly creditable performances Saturday, licking Penn 62-7 and Purdue 32-0, respectively.

Off the scores alone Army's feat would seem to be the more impressive one, but in reality it isn't. As had been the case of Notre Dame before it, Penn had been softened up considerably by that fabulously smacking Navy line three weeks previous.

The Middies have really been giant killers this season. They met Penn when the Philadelphians were still unbeaten and pointing for one of their best seasons. A week after that the Middies took on another unbeaten team, Notre Dame, and again licked it.

After the first defeats, Army enhanced upon Navy's score but still, it must be admitted that Navy did the bigger and more important job.

In Purdue Saturday Navy faced a stern foe which had faced the best teams of the Big Ten. The Middies' tremendous line held the Bollermakers scoreless, the first time this season such an indignity has been heaped upon them.

While all that justified excitement has been raging over Army and Navy there has been a tendency to overlook a team that may be the equal of the great service elevns. We're speaking of Ohio State, which, in beating Illinois Saturday, 26-12, racked up its eighth straight victory.

The only black mark against the Buckeyes is a comparatively weak schedule. . . . Had the boys faced stronger opposition they would be ranked up there with Army and Navy—as is, they must be content to be rated third.

That was the best fight of the year Johnny Greco and Bobby Ruffin put together at the Garden Friday night and so popular was it that Mike Jacobs has already signed them to a rematch for Dec. 15.

Greco, the immense shouldered Canuck, was his own bustling self Friday in his first Garden bout since being inducted into the Canadian Army a year and a half ago. He throws punches from an unorthodox a stance as you can imagine and he hits like a blacksmith brings a hammer down upon an anvil.

When these blows land something must give and twice Friday it was Mr. Ruffin. But ever-game and wonderfully conditioned, the smart-boxing Ruffin came back both times to roll and weave out to the end of the round.

Towards the end, after Greco had thrown himself out trying to k.o. Ruffin, the New Yorker was pounding the Canadian with ease if not devastating effect. It was in these latter rounds, some of the best fought in the Garden since the second Beau Jack-Bob Montgomery fight, that Greco showed his real inability to face an experienced foe.

Most of the time he was wide open for counter punches and if Ruffin possessed any kind of a punch in either hand he certainly would have put Greco to sleep.

At that he almost had the bully-boy from above the border on the canvas in that furious and thrilling tenth round.

The fight highlighted the pleasant fact that there will be considerableistic activity at the Garden this winter—and it will be mostly supplied by welterweights.

The Adventures OF Richard —

Saturday Afternoon Ritual

By Mike Singer

Every Saturday at about 5 o'clock, Mr. Lutzky begins to perspire. He begins to hate his delicatessen store, kids, the world in general. "It's plain murder," he told me, "they come in like a army, take over my best table, I split my guts until they 'Whaddya, you guys crabbing about?" No-Nose was indignant. "We're chipping in for a tip." "A whole dime, tsk, tsk." Izzy scoffed.

"Yeh, and give us good service. Turn on the radio too," No-Nose insisted.

"Scuse me." Izzy was sweetly obsequious. "The floor show don't go on until 10 o'clock. Maybe you'd like a accordian player." He threw the menu at the kids. "Here look."

The kids looked. They passed it around like a football. The banged the sugar bowls together, poured ketchup on their hands and screamed "blood," wrote their names with salt on the table. And finally:

"Make it hot dogs all around with sauerkraut. And bring sodas," the kids ordered.

Izzy stared at the kids, his feet spread apart, his eye slightly mad. "I should have kids like you," he hissed, "hot meals you want. So you order hot dogs. Boiling in oil is too good for you."

"Yeh and don't forget the sauerkraut," Menash added.

"So c'mon with the menus. Give us about five," Flekel said.

Izzy yelled out to Lutzky: "Should I play ball with them?"

"It's your funeral," Lutzky shouted back. "Me, I'm not even going to look."

"Well, he ain't no Betty Grable," Richard said.

"Nu," Izzy rapped sharply, "how many frankfurters today?"

"Gimme a menu," Flekel ordered.

"A menu? Don't tell me you're going to have maybe veal cutlets."

"Yeh," Menash declared, "we're ordering hot meals. Our mothers told us."

"So c'mon with the menus. Give us about five," Flekel said.

Izzy yelled out to Lutzky: "Should I play ball with them?"

"It's your funeral," Lutzky shouted back. "Me, I'm not even going to look."

Eagles Thump Redskins 37-7

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (UP).—The Philadelphia Eagles, their explosive T formation working to perfection, blasted out a 37-7 victory over the Washington Redskins before 35,000 fans today to move into first place in the Eastern Division of the National Football League.

The loss was first of the season for the Redskins and dropped them into a tie for second place with the New York Giants who upset the Green Bay Packers.

Washington started out as if it would make a rout of the game, scoring on the second play of the game when Flinchcock passed to Wilbur Moore who raced 35 yards for a touchdown. Joe Aguirre converted.

Lions Beat Bears 41-21

DETROIT, Nov. 19 (UP).—Frankie Sinkwich of the Detroit Lions, provided the Chicago Bears their most embarrassing afternoon in years today, pitching four touchdown passes as the Lions plastered a 41-21 defeat on the professional football champions.

Sid Luckman was around and working for the Bears, which accounted for the fact that they scored at all.

Detroit scored first on a 44-yard pass from Sinkwich to Van Tome late in the first quarter.

The Bears came right back with two quick touchdowns on passes from Luckman to End Connie Mack Berry, and Pete Gudauskas' two conversions tied the score at 14-14 with two minutes left in the half.

Then Van Tome took a kickoff on his own eight and ran 92 yards to score without a Bear touching him. They tallied two more later.

RADIO

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00 WEAF—Road of Life
WOR—News—Prescott Robinson
WJZ—Breakfast with Breneman
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
11:15 WEAF—Second Husband
WOR—Jimmy Fidler—Talk
WABC—Star Playhouse
11:30 WEAF—Quiz Wizard
WJZ—News; Jack Berch, Songs
WABC—Bright Horizon
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
11:45 WEAF—David Harum
WOR—What's Your Idea?
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories
11:55 WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00 WEAF—News Reports
WOR—News
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
12:15 WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNeills
WOR—Music at Mid-Day
WABC—Big Sister
12:30 WEAF—U. S. Navy Band
WOR—News; Juke Box Music
WJZ—News; Farm-Home Makers
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45 WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00 WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Consumers Quiz
WJZ—H. R. Baumkohle, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
1:15 WOR—Terry's House Party
WJZ—Women's Exchange Show
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30 WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Bernadine Flynn, News
1:45 WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—American Woman's Jury
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00 WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Cedric Foster, News
WJZ—News, Walter Kierman
WABC—Joyce Jordan, M. D.
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
2:15 WEAF—Today's Children
WOR—Talk—Jane Cowell
WJZ—Gale Drake
WABC—Two on a Clue
2:30 WEAF—Women in White
WOR—News; Real Stories
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Young Dr. Malone
2:45 WEAF—Hymns of All Churches
WABC—Perry Mason
2:55 WQXR—News; Request Music
3:00 WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Morton Downey, Songs
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
3:15 WEAF—Ma Perkins—Sketch
WJZ—Hollywood Star Time
WABC—Talk, Ethel Colby
3:30 WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Rambling With Gambling
WJZ—Appointment With Life
WABC—The High Places
WMCA—News; Waltz Music
3:45 WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Bob Trout, News
4:00 WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—News; Sunny Skylar
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad

Giants Smother Hutson, Trounce Packers, 24-0

by Phil Gordon

Steve Owen has been called the best coach in pro-football any number of times. But never was his grid genius more clearly demonstrated than at the Polo Grounds yesterday when his Giants ran all over the highly-touted Green Bay Packers.

The Packers, who had spread-eagled the Western Division of the league with seven victories against a sole defeat, came into town heralded as one of the best clubs ever turned out by Curly Lambeau.

But you couldn't tell it yesterday. The Packer running attack was stopped deader than the Nazis at Stalingrad, and their vaunted and justly-famous passing offensive featuring the amazing Don Hutson and Irv Comp, not only could not go forward but succeeded in going backward.

For on two occasions Comp's passes were intercepted by speedster Howie Livingston, and both times turned into touchdowns. All in all it was one of the most satisfying Giant victories of some years and certainly the most artistic (and financial) success of this season.

A near-record crowd of over 50,000 saw Livingston start the Giants off on the victory road in the first period by snaring a Comp pass intended for Don Hutson. Livingston, who with eight interceptions, leads the league in this respect, chased 22 yards down the sideline to make the score 6-0. It became 7-0 a moment later when Ken Strong booted the extra point.

All this time the Giants were making life miserable for Don Hutson, the Alabama antelope. Three, four and sometimes five Giants surrounded Hutson every time he went downfield for a pass. About 20

yards down the sideline to make the score 6-0. It became 7-0 a moment later when Ken Strong booted the extra point.

Hockey Standing

(Not including last night's games.)

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Detroit 4 2 1 9

Boston 2 4 1 6

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Radio Concerts

9:30-10 P.M., WEAF (also PM)—James Melton, tenor, and the Vorhees Orchestra

9:30-10 P.M., WOB—Music of Worship, directed by Frederick Dwonch. Soloists are Mona Pauline, soprano, and John Baker, baritone.

10:10-10:30 P.M., WEAF (also PM)—Songs by Josephine Antoine, soprano; Reinhold Schmidt, basso; chorus and orchestra directed by Percy Faith.

10:30-11 P.M., WOB—The Symphonette, conducted by Michel Piasire.

WMCN—News; Recorded Music

8:15-9 P.M., WOR—Sunny Skylar, Songs

8:30-9 P.M., WABC—Richard Crooks, Tenor

WJZ—Blind Date

WABC—Frank Sinatra Show

8:35-9 P.M., WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00 WEAF—James Melton, Tenor

WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News

WJZ—Counter Spy—Play

WABC—Radio Theatre

WMCA—News; Recorded Music

WHN—W. S. Gailmer

9:15 WOR—Screen Test

WMCN—Norman Jay, Comments

9:30 WEAF—Information Please

WOR—Music of Worship

WJZ—Spotlight Band

WMCA—They Live in Brooklyn

9:55 WJZ—Short Story

10:00 WEAF—Josephine Antoine, Soprano

WOR—Henry Gladstone, News

WJZ—Raymond Gram Swig

WABC—Screen Guild Play

WMCA—News; Amateur Hour

10:15 WOR—Paul Schubert, News

WJZ—From England, Ted Malone

10:30 WEAF—Dr. I. Q.—Quiz

WOR—The Symphonette

WJZ—Hollywood Show Times

WABC—Johnny Morgan Show

11:00 WEAF, WOR—News; Music

WJZ, WABC—News; Music

WMCA—News; Talks; Music

11:15 WABC—Talk—William Green

11:30 WEAF—For the Record

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Film Front**An Unpatriotic Movie**

By David Platt

I caught up with The Doughgirls at a neighborhood theater the other night. Disgraceful is the word for this vulgar "laugh-riot" about war-crowded Washington. The film is dishonest, unpatriotic and indecent. Ann Sheridan, Alexis Smith, Jack Carson, Jane Wyman, Irene Manning, Charlie Ruggles, Eve Arden, Alan Mowbray are cast as pent-house nitwits and misfits. There's not one decent individual in this disgusting burlesque of the war effort. Not since Clare Boothe Luce wrote The Women has a movie contained so many insults to American women. The women of the Soviet Union are also smeared in Eve Arden's horrible caricature of a Russian woman guerilla fighter. It is worse than Garbo's Ninotchka. The film has already done its damage here. Let's hope it won't be shipped abroad to embarrass us still further in the eyes of our Allies. The astonishing thing about The Doughgirls is that it was produced by Warner Bros., the studio that prides itself on its ability to combine good citizenship with good entertainment. This cheap comedy by Joseph Fields and James V. Kern is bad medicine any way you take it.

ANTI-LABORITES

It is surprising that Cecil B. DeMille who voted for Dewey also voted for Proposition 12 calling for an open-shop in the state of California? . . . DeMille's candidate was known under and so was proposition 12. . . . Barbara Stanwyck also cast her vote for the anti-labor proposition. . . . This darling of the Motion Picture Alliance has developed into a professional red-baiter who will have to be watched.

**TRAINED MOOSE**

Harry Sherman's new film Murder On The Range will feature a trained moose. . . . As long as it isn't one of those widely syndicated trained rats, it's okay. . . . The Hays office insists that all ten killers in the movie version of Ten Little Indians be bumped off. . . . In the play, two of the murderers were spared. . . . The picture must abide by the Hays Code which says that criminals must be properly punished for their crimes. . . .

DAILY WORKER AFFAIR

I have been authorized to say that the staff members of the Daily Worker will positively not entertain at the paper's annual party at the Newspaper Guild Club, 40 E. 40th St. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving eve. . . . The entertainment will be strictly professional. . . . Under those circumstances you risk nothing but the 75 cents admission. . . .

Movies**The 957th Day in the Pacific**

By Lee Lawson

As part of the Sixth War Loan Drive, the National 16 mm War Loan Committee through the U. S. Treasury Special Events and Motion Picture Division, is distributing a group of exclusive Army and Navy films, free of charge.

Among these films are The 957th Day, It Can't Last and Freedom Comes High. The first, the 957th Day, tells the story of one day of war in the Pacific theatre, July 20, 1944.

Featuring some of the most stirring and dramatic on the spot scenes of the war, the film depicts just one of the Navy's D-days. Opening with the early morning departure of the task force, the picture shows each successive step of an island invasion; the offshore pounding by the big guns combined with the devastating air bombardment; then the smoke-screen covered landings by men in countless small and medium-sized craft; and finally the beachhead secured, to be followed by the inland advance.

Here is the well-coordinated planning and execution that has stoudbled the world, especially the enemy. But, the cost is high, in men and material. The material can be replaced, but not the men. The emphasis is on the men and their heroism in battle. For once, the camera does not conceal some of the bloodier aspects of the battle and the result is to bring home more sharply how important it is for us to back up the boys at the front in every conceivable way.

ATTACKS COMPLACENCY

It Can't Last, based on an original treatment by Archibald McLeish, takes a well-deserved slap at those who say "the war's practically over so why bother." By contrasting the peace and quiet of small Connecticut town and the complacency of one of its citizens with the noise and bloodshed of war, and the fortitude of our fighting men, the film effectively shows that there must be

no letting up until the final battle. A final talk by the Navy Chaplain makes clear that it's just as hard to die in the last battle as in the first.

Freedom Comes High, produced in Hollywood, features well-known actors, and, for this reason, perhaps is not as effective as the other two. James Craig, Barbara Britton and Donald Cook are sincere and impressed with the importance of their material, but the reality of the battle scenes is slightly offset by the staged personal scenes. After you see the real thing, as in The 957th Day, it's hard to be as impressed when you know what you're seeing is acting. Despite this drawback, Freedom Comes High gives a fairly clear picture of what a naval mission faces when in action.

These three films, with several others, are available through Brandon Films, 1600 Broadway, N. Y. C., free of charge.

Special Performance Of Yiddish Musical

Menasha Skulnik, star and producer of Good News, has announced special holiday matinee performances for that Joseph Rumshinsky Yiddish musical comedy at the Second Avenue Theatre for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's day. The play will continue its regular schedule of nightly showings in addition to matinees every Saturday and Sunday, with Miriam Kressyn and Max Kletter heading Skulnik's supporting cast.

'Fortress Japan'

The U. S. Navy has chosen Fortress Japan, recent issue of United Artists' World in Action series for special showing at the Navy Exhibit in connection with the Sixth War Loan Drive in Chicago. Two prints of Fortress Japan will be shown continuously at the Exhibit which will be held at Navy Pier, Chicago, today through Dec. 5.

Soviet Critics Analyze Wartime Cultural Tasks

By JOHN GIBBONS

MOSCOW.

Russians themselves are too modest to claim it, but a foreign observer in Moscow will not hesitate to say that nowhere are achievements and failings subjected to such searching analysis as in the Soviet Union. Criticism expressed in meetings, factories, trade union halls, party organization and newspapers ranging from Pravda with its three million circulation to factory papers, is the very breath of every day Russian life.

Just now literary and art critics together with writers and artists are making a close examination of past labors, and their conclusions are not without interest.

Deputy chairman of the Art Council, Solodovnikov, in an outspoken article in the magazine Bolshevik, states that notwithstanding many splendid achievements, Soviet literature and art are not keeping abreast of the tempestuous march of contemporary life. To quote him: "In our days reality is traveling ahead of art. It is filled with great events, heroism, exploits surpassing even the richest creations of fantasy. People grow and develop before our eyes. But only those are capable of really great creation who go steadily forward in step with life and participate in it."

MAJOR SHORTCOMING

After listing the positive achievements, Solodovnikov says that Soviet writers must not rest on their laurels. He considers one major shortcoming of present day Soviet art its failure to reflect life fully. The labor heroism of war workers; transfer and setting up of powerful war industry in the east; growth of social consciousness and patriotism among the peasantry; military glory and skill of Red Army men and officers; firmness and farsighted leadership of the Bolshevik party.

Since these have not yet found expression in art, it follows that art, which by its representations influences life, has not done all it could to accelerate final victory.

To the point also is what this critic says of those who, tending to despise the educative role of art productions, see in comedy and light entertainment—in other words, escapism—the main postwar development of Soviet art. Such an approach, he declares, must be condemned as having nothing in common with the views of Lenin and Stalin on art as powerful means of education. Escapist views mean regression and they contradict all the experience and the finest achievements of Soviet art.

A new venture in the art world is the publication of a weekly, So-

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**ILYA EHRENBURG**

Viet Issykstvo. In the first issue Shostakovich and Ehrenburg are among the contributors. Shostakovich had this to say:

"As the great patriotic war approaches its climax, its historical purpose stands out clearer than ever. It is a war of culture and progress against the darkness and misanthropy of war; truth and humanism against the wolfish killer of morals. Had we not achieved a high standard of culture, we would never have survived the blow of our powerfully equipped enemy."

"Soviet culture, our military skill and our knowledge have proved many times superior to the art of fascism. The musical art of the Soviet generation has not lost the high traditions of Tchaikovsky and Scriabin; it is maintaining and enriching them. Now, and in the peace that will follow the people will expect from us music that will reproduce the heroism of the patriotic war, the noble and the moral beauty of our people—soldier and builder."

Ilya Ehrenburg writes:

"Our art must be worthy of our army and our people. This art cannot be hemmed in by national limitations. It is conscious of Russia's significance for all mankind. In their

day Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Chekov, Mussorgski, Tchaikovsky were standard bearers of humanity."

"Now we've taken up challenge. Let us say outright that our art is not yet on the plane demanded of its history. Saying this I am thinking not so much of music and the theatre as I am of dramaturgy, romance and the plastic arts. Everybody knows of our many splendid people and our epic deeds. But does the poor portrait enrich our soul? Does the cheap play depicting noble deeds elevate us?"

"We must create rather than reflect: We must people our land and world with magnificent canvases, create statues of heroes of romance and tragedy."

"With their blood the people saved art from the onslaught of fascism. Let art repay the people with color, sound, perfected form and richer life."

Music School Chorus Has Some Openings

The Music School Settlement Chorus, a very active organization in the school is under the direction of Miss Violet Johnson. A few openings for experienced singers exist at the present time. Auditions for new applicants will be held on Thursday evenings at the school from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m.

This chorus makes several interesting appearances during the season including the Senior Orchestral and Choral Concert in February and the Annual Town Hall Spring Concert. Radio programs are a special feature of this season's work. Regular chorus rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 8:00 in the Music School Concert Hall, 55 E. Third St., New York City.

8th St. Playhouse

Arsenic and Old Lace starts an engagement today at the Eighth St. Playhouse. Cary Grant, Raymond Massey, Jack Carson and Peter Lorre are featured in this Warner Bros. comedy.

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Late Bulletins

U. S. Warships Bombarded Iwo Jima Islands in Bonins

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (UP).—The Navy disclosed tonight that warships of the Pacific Fleet bombarded Iwo Jima, Bonin Islands, before dawn a week ago Friday, touching off several explosions that started fires visible for 35 miles.

CIO Women Helped FDR Win, Auxiliary Conference Hears

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Through their political action work, Women's Auxiliaries of the CIO played a major part in the Nov. 7 elections, according to an officers' report to the fourth annual conference of the Congress of Women's Auxiliaries of the CIO. The report will be delivered tomorrow to the conference opening session at the Stevens Hotel by Mrs. Faye Stephenson, of Cleveland, national president.

Political action and the related programs of legislative work and consumer action, according to the report, were major auxiliary activities during the past year.

Auxiliaries worked closely with the women's division of CIO's Political Action Committee, the body

that directed the tremendous job of mobilizing women voters, acquainting them with the issues nationally and locally, and getting them out to register and to vote. In the final months of the campaign, the auxiliaries arranged for distribution of over 450,000 copies of a special Political Action Committee leaflet calling upon women to vote for President Roosevelt.

However, the report states Nov. 7 was not the end but the virtual beginning of political action work, for in the coming year political action among women voters must be built to the point where they play a full part in strengthening the hand of the President in "bringing about speedy and complete victory over the Axis, a lasting peace and jobs and security for the people of America."

Call for Sound Reconversion, More Security, Issued by AFL

(Continued from Page 2)

proposal that it be made permanent. But much of it is critical of the FEPC and the Dawson-Scanlon bill which would make it permanent. The report finds fault with a section which would declare a union guilty of unfair labor practice for barring membership or otherwise discriminating against workers because of race or color. The report warns that enactment of such a provision would subject labor unions into considerable harassment. In another part of the report the council again opposes any provisions that would give teeth to the FEPC on a plea that "compulsory government regulations of free and voluntary association of workers is inimical to the basic right of freedom of association."

The council expressed satisfaction that it has made progress against discriminatory practices through the "prerogative of free self-government of our member unions."

The length of the FEPC section undoubtedly reflects a greater recognition of adverse publicity the AFL has been receiving because of the unions in its ranks which still bar Negroes.

The council still holds the door open to unity negotiations with the CIO. Its report deplores that no conferences have been held during the past year between the two standing unity negotiations committees.

But, as in former years, the blame is put entirely on the CIO.

"The cause of labor will not be well served," the council says, "If we face the postwar period divided, disunited and fighting each other. It is reasonable to conclude that we

will be forced to meet a severe test when the war is over. No doubt the enemies of labor will be united against us."

Regarding John L. Lewis, the report merely reviews the unsuccessful negotiations to bring the United Mine Workers into the A. F. L., and concludes with the matter apparently closed.

On international labor unity, the AFL council still sings the same song of refusal to participate in a world congress of labor called by the British unions.

But the concluding paragraph of the report, describing how the council turned down the invitation, ends with the words "the executive council considers the matter a closed incident." since the report was drawn up a new call was issued by the British unions to which the AFL must still give an answer.

IFTU AGAIN

The council, never the less, felt it necessary to appease the wide demand in AFL ranks for participation in a world labor body. It thereupon devoted several pages to a description of the defunct International Federation of Trade Unions with which the AFL is affiliated.

The report holds that any international labor action must come through this body which excludes the bulk of the world's organized workers.

Figures released by Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reveal an affiliated membership of 6,806,913 in the AFL.

This is the highest figure in the federation's history with the bulk of the gain made during the very period that some of its leaders claim we had "government intervention" in collective bargaining.



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New York, Monday, November 20, 1944



When the 9th went into action on the western front, a 2-month silence on its whereabouts was broken. Map shows its travel. Ninth was first heard from ((1) at Beaugency, where it figured in the surrender of 20,000 Nazi soldiers. Moving north and west, it captured (2) the strategic port of Brest. Then U.S. chiefs shifted it across France, Belgium and part of Holland and sent it into the line (3) in the vicinity of Aachen to supplement other units there.

WLB May Use New Statistics To Continue 'Formula' Freeze

by ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—With current reports indicating that it will turn down demands of organized labor for upward revision of the "Little Steel" formula, the War Labor Board was heading today toward the most serious crisis in its turbulent career.

It is understood here that WLB will drag out of the hat a brand new figure supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and allegedly showing that wage rates have kept pace with rises in the cost of living to bolster a stand-pat attitude on the "Little Steel" formula.

WLB wage policies already come in for sharp criticism in the reports of CIO President Philip Murray to the CIO convention in Chicago and of the AFL executive council to the AFL convention in New Orleans, both made public today.

The acid test of WLB will come in two separate but closely related decisions it must make in the next few days. The first is on the demands of the United Steel Workers exclusive of wages. The second is on the demand of the steel union for a 17-cent wage increase over the Little Steel formula and of similar demands by other unions which will be dealt with a special report to the President.

Under the leadership of Vice Chairman George W. Taylor, considered by most labor observers the evil genius of WLB, public and industry members of the board appear determined to turn down both sets of union demands.

Unless intervention by the President even before the wage report reaches him or pressure from the CIO and AFL change the situation, the chances are strongly that Taylor's anti-labor point of view will dominate.

FRIENDLY TO STEEL FIRMS

Taylor, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, has frequently been accused by union representatives of being over-friendly to big business, and particularly to the steel industry.

It is conceivable that WLB could avert a major crisis in rejecting revision of the Little Steel formula by granting the other major demands of the steel workers such as a guaranteed annual wage and dismissal pay. But there have been no signs of this.

Latest information available here is that WLB will attempt to justify turning down the demands for wage increases by using a tricky new figure of 28 per cent as representing the average increase in wage rates.

This would coincide almost exactly with the

estimated rise in the cost of living of 29 to 30 per cent given by WLB Chairman William H. Davis in his report to the President on Saturday.

CIO and AFL leaders submitted detailed data several months ago to show that the actual increase in the cost of living from January 1941 to last December was at least 43.5 per cent.

This was way out of line with the 15 per cent wage rise permitted by the "Little Steel" formula—and was much higher than the 23.4 per cent increase in the cost of living shown by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

LATEST SKULLDUGGERY

While Davis disagreed sharply with the conclusions of the CIO and AFL, even his report would seem to justify a revision of the "Little Steel" from 15 to 30 per cent to keep pace with the cost of living.

This is where the latest skullduggery at WLB comes in.

BLS was asked to submit a report showing 1941.

wage rises between January 1941 and August. The new BLS report shows that general increases in wage rates have averaged only 16 per cent—just 1 per cent higher than the 15 per cent in the "Little Steel" formula.

On the face of it, this would appear to make labor in line for a substantial revision of the "Little Steel" formula.

But the BLS also gave other wage figures such as a 71 per cent increase in gross weekly wages, a 47 per cent increase in net expendable wages for a family of four or the actual take-home wage, and a 50 per cent increase in gross hourly rates including take-home.

One of the figures used by BLS showed a 28 per cent increase in basic urban wage rates. This figure includes upgrading, promotions and incentives within a particular occupational group.

And it is this brand new figure, as against the figure for increases in actual wage rates, that WLB public members have decided to use.

It should be added that there is a remarkable coincidence between this new rate figure which turned up just in time and the apparent determination of WLB members for some weeks past to turn down labor's wage demands.

Davis himself indicated at press conferences last summer that he was leaning toward substantially the same approach, but he seems since to have decided to reverse himself on the ground that the end of the war with Germany is not yet in sight.